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1)⊠	Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 October 2007.					
2a)⊠	This action is FINAL . 2b) This action is non-final.					
3)	☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is					
	closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.					
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 4) Claim(s) 1-76 is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration. 5) Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) Claim(s) 1-76 is/are rejected. 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. 						
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 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received. 						
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DETAILED ACTION

- 1. This Office Action is in response to the applicants' amendment received on October 19, 2007.
- 2. Claims 1-76 are presented for examination.
- 3. The applicants have amended claim 1. The applicants have not added or cancelled any claims.
- 4. Applicants' arguments with respect to claims 1-76 have been fully considered but they are not deemed to be persuasive.

Response to Arguments

- 5. The 35 U.S.C. 101 rejection cited in the Office Action dated July 20, 2007, regarding non-statutory subject matter is hereby withdrawn. The applicants have amended claim 1 to clarify that the act of "displaying a superset of the file objects associated with each of the designated file system locations in a single display" is provided via a hardware "display unit".
- 6. On page 16, at "**Section 102 Rejections**", the applicants present a re-printed version of the Examiner's rejection of Kegel, U.S. Patent Publication No. 20030163519 to claims 1, 25, 40, 49, and 65.

On page 17, at "<u>US Patent Publication 2003/0163519 to Kegel</u>" and on page 18, at "<u>Discussion</u>", the applicants present a summarized version of the Kegel prior art.

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7a. The Examiner believes that the applicants' arguments begin on page 18 and recite the following:

"...- displaying a superset or set union of the file objects associated with each of two or more designated file system locations in a single display. See independent claims 1, 25, 40, 49, and 65."

7b. The Examiner respectfully disagrees with the applicants' remarks. The claim limitations recite "displaying a superset of the file objects associated with each of the designated file system locations in a single display on a display unit". The limitations of the claims do not recite "displaying a superset or set union of the file objects associated with each of two or more designated file system locations in a single display".

The applicants are asserting that the limitations recite "each of two or more" designated file system locations in a single display. However, the limitations only recite "displaying a superset of the file objects associated with each of the designated file system locations in a single display on a display unit". There is no statement in the limitations of the claims that suggests "each of two or more" designated file system locations.

8.a. The applicants' arguments recite the following:

"There is no mention or suggestion that the contents of multiple directories are displayed simultaneously.", page 18 of the applicants' arguments, at paragraph 2.

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- 8b. The Examiner respectfully disagrees with the applicants' remarks. Again, the applicants' claim limitations do not recite or mention contents of multiple directories that are displayed simultaneously.
- 9a. The applicants' arguments recite the following:
- "At no time, and in no way, does Kegel teach or fairly describe displaying a superset or set union of the file objects associated with each of two or more designated file system locations in a single display."
- 9b. The Examiner respectfully disagrees with the applicants' remarks. Kegel teaches displaying via a web site (figure 5, paragraph 0060). A superset of the file objects consists of "About Us" (element 34), "Contacts" (element 35), "Products" (element 36) and "Services" (element 37). These file objects are a superset of "Lemon Source" (element 33). "Lemon Source" is at the root of the file object structure (paragraph 0061). Again, the file objects consisting of About Us" (element 34), "Contacts" (element 35), "Products" (element 36) and "Services" (element 37) are each associated with each of the designated file system locations. The designated file system locations associated with the file objects consist of for instance, "Breakfast" (element 40), "Evening Meal" (element 41), and "Lunch" (element 42), (paragraph 0061). These file system locations consisting of "Breakfast" (element 40), "Evening Meal" (element 41), and "Lunch" (element 42) provide content and location for file objects "Products" (element 36) and "Meals" (element 38).

The file system locations are displayed in a single display (paragraph 0060, element 17). In response to applicants' argument that the Kegel et al. (Patent Application Publication No. 20030163519) reference fails to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., "...file objects associated with each of two or more designated file system locations...") are not recited in the rejected claims of independent claims 1, 25, 40, 49, and 65. Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See In re Van Genus, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993). Thus, the arguments are not persuasive.

As presented in the Examiner's rebuttal above, it is the opinion of the Examiner that Kegel discloses the claim limitations of claims 1, 25, 40, 49, and 65. However, the applicants' claim limitations are broad and the applicants' arguments suggests that the claim limitations of independent claims 1, 25, 40, 49, and 65 refer to specific claimed subject matter. Again, this assertion that the claims are directed to specific claim subject matter is not being presented in the limitations of claims 1, 25, 40, 49, and 65. The Examiner kindly recommends that if it is the applicants intent to rely on subject matter that has been presented in their arguments as the basis of the claim limitations for claims 1, 25, 40, 49, and 65, then the applicants are encouraged to make further amendments to the limitations of claims 1, 25, 40, 49, and 65 in an effort to overcome the Kegel et al. reference and for the applicants to specifically convey what the limitations of claims 1, 25, 40, 49, and 65 are claiming.

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Thus, the Examiner maintains claims 10, 13, 18-24, 32, 34, 37-39, 47, 48, 56-60, and 70-74 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Kegel as applied to claims 1, 25, 40, 49, and 65 above and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication 20030084096 to Starbuck et al.

Accordingly, claims 2-24, 26-39, 41-48, 50-64, and 66-76 are dependent claims. Claims 2-24, 26-39, 41-48, 50-64, and 66-76 each comprises claim limitations corresponding substantially to the above-discussed claim limitations and are also addressed by the above remarks.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

10. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.
- 11. Claims 1-9, 11, 12, 14-17, 25-31, 33, 35, 36, 40-46, 49-55, and 61-69 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kegel et al. (Publication No.: US 2003/0163519 A1 filed April 5, 2001).
- 12. Regarding Claims 1, 25, 40, 49, and 65, Kegel teaches changing hypermedia content of a web site.

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The method and associated system for changing hypermedia content of a web site as taught or suggested by Kegel includes:

designating a plurality of file system locations (¶0052, "...a hierarchical folder and file structure for PC 1a is shown in FIG. 3. At the top of the hierarchical structure is a folder 20 labeled "Desktop."; ¶0053, "The folder 23 comprises files held on a floppy disk when inserted into the floppy disk drive 7a of FIG.1. Folder 24 is a repository for files held on the hard disk 7b shown in FIG. 1 and folder 25 is a repository for files available through the CD/DVD ROM drive 7c of FIG. 1."; ¶0061, "The hierarchical folder structure for the "Lemon Catering"..."), wherein each file system location is associated with zero or more file objects (¶0052, "At the top of the hierarchical structure is a folder 20 labeled "Desktop". This provides an overview of the files that are accessible by the PC 1a. Beneath the top of the hierarchical structure is a lower level of folders or subfolders, shown to the right of folder 10, comprising folders 21 and 22.", ¶0053-0054); displaying a superset of the file objects associated with each of the designated file system locations in a single display (¶0061, "...a root folder 33 named "Lemon Source" with the following sub-folders on the next lower level of the hierarchy "About Us"34, "Contacts" 35, Products 36 and "Services 37. For the next lower level of the hierarchy, the folder "Products" 36 has associated sub-folders "Meals" 38 and "Snacks" 39. For the next lower level of the hierarchy, the folder "Meals" 38 has associated sub-folders "Breakfast" 40, "Evening Meal" 41 and "Lunch" 42."); a central processing unit (figure 1, element PC 1a); memory (figure 1, elements 9 or 10) operatively coupled to the central processing unit; a computer network (figure 1, element 11) coupled to the central

processing unit; a display unit (figure 1 element 4); a storage device (figure 1, element 1a); and display on the display unit (¶0057-0061, figure 2, element 16), a file-browser application (figure 2, element 18, ¶0051).

- 13. Regarding Claim 2, Kegel teaches the act of designating is performed explicitly by a user (¶0060 and 0066, "The web page 49 also includes hyperlinks which permit the user to move through the hierarchical folder structure.").
- 14. Regarding Claims 3, 52, and 66, Kegel teaches the file system comprises a hierarchical file system (¶0052).
- 15. Regarding Claims 4, 30, 42, 53, and 67, Kegel teaches the file system comprises a non-hierarchical file system (¶0060).
- 16. Regarding Claims 5, 28, 41, and 51, Kegel teaches instructions to designate comprise instructions to designate the file system locations on at least two different computer systems (¶0047, figure 1, elements PC 1a, PC 1b, and PC 1c, "FIG. 1 illustrates a conventional network in which a plurality of client workstations in the form of personal computers (PCs) 1a, 1b, 1c are connected by means of a network 2…").
- 17. Regarding Claims 6, 29, and 55, Kegel teaches designating comprises designating a cached (¶0048) file structure image as a file system location (figure 5).
- 18. Regarding Claim 7, Kegel teaches designating file system locations on at least two different computer systems comprises designating file system locations on at least two different computer systems (¶0047, figure 1, elements PC 1a, PC 1b, and PC 1c, "FIG. 1 illustrates a conventional network in which a plurality of client workstations in the

form of personal computers (PCs) 1a, 1b, 1c are connected by means of a network 2...").

- 19. Regarding Claims 8 and 54, Kegel teaches designating file system locations on at least two different computer systems comprises designating file system locations on at least two different computer systems (¶0047, figure 1, elements PC 1a, PC 1b, and PC 1c, "FIG. 1 illustrates a conventional network in which a plurality of client workstations in the form of personal computers (PCs) 1a, 1b, 1c are connected by means of a network 2...") communicatively coupled by a personal area network (¶0047, figure 1, elements PC 1a, PC 1b, and PC 1c, "FIG. 1 illustrates a conventional network in which a plurality of client workstations in the form of personal computers (PCs) 1a, 1b, 1c are connected by means of a network 2...").
- 20. Regarding Claims 9, 31, and 44, Kegel teaches displaying comprises identifying those file objects present in each of the designated file system locations in a first manner and those file objects present in only one of the designated file system locations in a second manner (¶0052, "At the top of the hierarchical structure is a folder 20 labeled "Desktop". This provides an overview of the files that are accessible by the PC 1a. Beneath the top of the hierarchical structure is a lower level of folders or subfolders, shown to the right of folder 10, comprising folders 21 and 22.", ¶0053-0054, ¶0061, "...a root folder 33 named "Lemon Source" with the following sub-folders on the next lower level of the hierarchy "About Us"34, "Contacts"35, Products"36 and "Services"37. For the next lower level of the hierarchy, the folder "Products"36 has associated sub-folders "Meals"38 and "Snacks"39. For the next lower level of the hierarchy, the folder

"Meals"38 has associated sub-folders "Breakfast"40, "Evening Meal"41 and "Lunch"42.").

- 21. Regarding Claim 11, Kegel teaches identifying file objects in a first manner comprises displaying file objects using a first characteristic icon (¶0061, "...a root folder 33 named "Lemon Source" with the following sub-folders on the next lower level of the hierarchy "About Us"34, "Contacts"35, Products"36 and "Services"37. For the next lower level of the hierarchy, the folder "Products"36 has associated sub-folders "Meals"38 and "Snacks"39. For the next lower level of the hierarchy, the folder "Meals"38 has associated sub-folders "Breakfast"40, "Evening Meal"41 and "Lunch"42.") and the act of identifying file objects in a second manner comprises displaying file objects using a second characteristic icon (¶0061, "...a root folder 33 named "Lemon Source" with the following sub-folders on the next lower level of the hierarchy "About Us"34, "Contacts"35, Products"36 and "Services"37. For the next lower level of the hierarchy, the folder "Products"36 has associated sub-folders "Meals"38 and "Snacks"39. For the next lower level of the hierarchy, the folder "Products"36 has associated sub-folders "Meals"38 has associated sub-folders "Breakfast"40, "Evening Meal"41 and "Lunch"42.").
- 22. Regarding Claims 12, 33, and 45, Kegel teaches identifying those file objects present in more than one and less all of the designated file locations in a third manner (¶0061, "...a root folder 33 named "Lemon Source" with the following sub-folders on the next lower level of the hierarchy "About Us"34, "Contacts"35, Products"36 and "Services"37. For the next lower level of the hierarchy, the folder "Products"36 has associated sub-folders "Meals"38 and "Snacks"39. For the next lower level of the

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hierarchy, the folder "Meals" 38 has associated sub-folders "Breakfast" 40, "Evening Meal" 41 and "Lunch" 42.").

- 23. Regarding Claims 14, 63, and 64, Saks teaches identifying file objects in a third manner comprises displaying file objects using a third characteristic icon (¶0061, "...a root folder 33 named "Lemon Source" with the following sub-folders on the next lower level of the hierarchy "About Us"34, "Contacts"35, Products"36 and "Services"37. For the next lower level of the hierarchy, the folder "Products"36 has associated sub-folders "Meals"38 and "Snacks"39. For the next lower level of the hierarchy, the folder "Meals"38 has associated sub-folders "Breakfast"40, "Evening Meal"41 and "Lunch"42.").
- 24. Regarding Claims 15, 61, and 75, the limitations of these claims have been noted in the rejections of claims 1 and 11 presented above. They are therefore rejected as set forth above.
- 25. Regarding Claims 16, 35, 46, 62, and 76, Kegel teaches visually associating information tags with at least one of the displayed file objects (¶0061, "...a root folder 33 named "Lemon Source" with the following sub-folders on the next lower level of the hierarchy "About Us"34, "Contacts"35, Products"36 and "Services"37. For the next lower level of the hierarchy, the folder "Products"36 has associated sub-folders "Meals"38 and "Snacks"39. For the next lower level of the hierarchy, the folder "Meals"38 has associated sub-folders "Breakfast"40, "Evening Meal"41 and "Lunch"42.").

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- 26. Regarding Claims 17 and 36, Kegel teaches visually associating information tags comprises visually associating one or more alphanumeric symbols with a displayed file object, the alphanumeric symbols identifying the number of designated file system locations associated with the file object (¶0061, "...a root folder 33 named "Lemon Source" with the following sub-folders on the next lower level of the hierarchy "About Us"34, "Contacts"35, Products"36 and "Services"37. For the next lower level of the hierarchy, the folder "Products"36 has associated sub-folders "Meals"38 and "Snacks"39. For the next lower level of the hierarchy, the folder "Meals"38 has associated sub-folders "Breakfast"40, "Evening Meal"41 and "Lunch"42.").
- 27. Regarding Claims 26 and 43, Kegel teaches instructions to designate a plurality of file system locations comprise instructions to permit a user to explicitly designate a plurality of file system locations (¶0060 and 0066, "The web page 49 also includes hyperlinks which permit the user to move through the hierarchical folder structure.").
- 28. Regarding Claims 27, 50, 68, and 69, Kegel teaches instructions to designate a plurality of file system locations comprise instructions to select one or more default file system locations (¶0060 and 0066, "The web page 49 also includes hyperlinks which permit the user to move through the hierarchical folder structure.").
- 29. Regarding Claims 49 and 65, the limitations of these claims have been noted in the rejections of claims 1, 5, and 25 presented above. They are therefore rejected as set forth above.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 30. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 31. Claims 10, 13, 18-24, 32, 34, 37-39, 47, 48, 56-60, and 70-74 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kegel et al. (Publication No.: US 2003/0163519 A1 filed April 5, 2001) as applied to claims 1, 25, 40, 49, and 65 above, and further in view of Starbuck et al. (Pub. No.: US 2003/0084096 A1 filed May 16, 2002, hereinafter Starbuck).
- 32. Regarding Claims 10, 13, 32, and 34, Kegel teaches displaying file objects in a fist and second manner (¶0061, "...a root folder 33 named "Lemon Source" with the following sub-folders on the next lower level of the hierarchy "About Us"34, "Contacts"35, Products"36 and "Services"37. For the next lower level of the hierarchy, the folder "Products"36 has associated sub-folders "Meals"38 and "Snacks"39. For the next lower level of the hierarchy, the folder "Meals"38 has associated sub-folders "Breakfast"40, "Evening Meal"41 and "Lunch"42.").

However, Kegel does not expressly teach displaying file objects in a first and second color.

Starbuck teaches displaying file objects in a first and second color (paragraphs 0104 and 0114-0118).

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the display browser window of Kegel's method with the true color environment of Starbuck's method because Starbuck's true color environment could enable the display browser window of Kegel's method to enhance and define the objects of the display browser window, wherein the true-color image is nearly a photographic color that is presented through a process of allocating an increased amount of memory to each pixel of a display (see Starbuck, paragraph 0116).

- 33. Regarding Claims 18, 37, 47, 56, and 70, Starbuck teaches selecting a display file object (paragraph 0063); issuing a command against the selected file object (paragraph 0063); and copying the selected file object to a specified the location in each of the designated file system locations that it is not already associated with in response to the command (paragraphs 0102 and 0103).
- 34. Regarding Claims 19, 38, 57, and 71, Starbuck teaches a file object displayed in a non-superset file-browser (paragraph 0064); graphically dragging and dropping the selected file object to a specified location in the designated file system locations (paragraph 0013); and copying the selected file object to the specified location in each of the designated file system locations in response to dragging and dropping (paragraphs 0102 and 0103, figure 3B, element 312 'Copy this file').
- 35. Regarding Claims 20, 39, 58, and 72, Starbuck teaches copying the selected file object in accordance with a specified merge policy (paragraphs 0118 and 0123).
- 36. Regarding Claim 21, Starbuck teaches the specified merge policy comprises a write-over merge policy (paragraphs 0041, 0118, and 0123).

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- 37. Regarding Claim 22, Starbuck teaches the specified merge policy comprises a copy-the-latest file object merge policy (paragraphs 0118 and 0123).
- 38. Regarding Claims 23, 48, 59, and 73, the limitations of these claims have been noted in the rejections of claims 1, 18, and 19 presented above. They are therefore rejected as set forth above.
- 39. Regarding Claims 24, 60, and 74, the limitations of these claims have been noted in the rejections of claims 18 and 19 presented above. In addition, Starbuck teaches a directory indicating a designated location (paragraph 0071).
- 40. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

NAME OF CONTACT

41. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheryl Lewis whose telephone number is (571) 272-4113. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-3:00.

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